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POLLS IN CYCLONE DEVASTATED AREAS ON 17TH JANUARY

ISLAMABAD, December 15. - The Chief Election Commissioner has announced that polling will be held simultaneously on the 17th of next month in the Provincial and National Assembly constitutencies in East Pakistan affected by the cyclone.

A notification issued in Islamabad this afternoon says that nine National Assembly constituencies where pollings were postponed are: Bakarganj 6, Bakarganj 7, Bakarganj-cum-Patuakhali, Patuakhali 1, Patuakhali 2, Patuakhali 3, Noakhali 4, Noakhali 5 and Chittagong 1. The 18 provincial constituencies where pollings were postponed are: Patuakhali 1, Patuakhali 2, Patuakhali 3, Patuakhali 4, Patuakhali 5, Patuakhali 6, Patuakhali 7, Bakarganj 1, Bakarganj 2, Bakarganj 3, Bakarganj 4, Bakarganj 18, Noakhali 4, Noakhali 12, Noakhali 13, Noakhali 14 and Chittagong 2 and Chittagong 3.

The Chief Election Commissioner has also announced the schedule for those three provincial constituencies in East Pakistan which are vacant as a result of the death of the candidates. Nomination papers for these constituencies will be filed on the 21st of this month, scrutiny of nomination papers on the 23rd and the last date for the withdrawal is the 1st of January next. Pollings in these constituencies will be held on the 17th of next month. The constituencies are: Dinajpur 7, Tangail 6 and Dacca 19.

PEOPLE'S PARTY TO COOPERATE IN FRAMING CONSTITUTION

KOTRI, December 15. - The People's Party Chairman, Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, has said his party will make every effort to cooperate in framing a constitution guaranteeing the sovereignty and integrity of the country.

Addressing a public meeting at Kotri last night he said his party has pledged to implement the manifesto and will not take rest until the present system basically changed. He said his party stands for nationalisation of all the basic and big industries and introducing real Masawat. He called for release of all political leaders, students, workers and peasants.

AWAMI LEAGUE TO INTRODUCE LAND REFORMS

LAHORE, December 15. - A Vice-President of the Awami League, Mr, Barkat Ali Salimi, has said that his party will abolish jadirdari and zamindari and will introduce land reforms in West Pakistan. He told newsmen in Lahore that his party will be organised on a solid basis in the western wing also

CENTRAL .....

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MAKES ANOTHER ALLOCATION OF $ 10.5 MILLION FOR FLOOD RELIEF

ISLAMABAD, December 15. - The Central Government has made another allocation of $ 10.5 million as grant-in-aid for flood relief measures in East Pakistan. This brings to $ 21 million the total amount released as grant-in-aid by the Central Government for flood relief measures. Earlier, an allocation of $ 10.5 million were released for the purpose on the 21st of last month. These allocations are in addition to $ 5,250,000 already reimbursed by the Central Government to the East Pakistan Government.

MORE DONATIONS FOR PRESIDENT'S EAST PAKISTAN RELIEF FUND

DACCA, December 15. - More relief in cash and kind have been announced towards the President's East Pakistan Relief Fund for the relief to the cyclone sufferers in East Pakistan.

Punjab Government has received donations from various commercial establishments and welfare bodies worth about $ 7,352.00. The workers of the paper mill in Chittagong has donated their one day's salary. They have also sent 500 pieces of clothes to the affected areas. Those who have donated their one day's salary include the staff of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Lahore, Government employees in Skardu and the staff and members of the Prince Agha Khan Boys' Secondary School, Karachi.

The Government of Uganda has donated over $ 27,940.00 and a Japanese firm $ 4,540.00 and milk powder.

U.S. SENATE APPROVES $ 15 MILLION FOR CYCLONE VICTIMS

ISLAMABAD, December 15. - The U.S. Senate has approved $ 15 million appropriation bill to help the victims of the East Pakistan cyclone. The bill will now go to joint committee of Senate and the House of Representatives for final approval. The American Government also made a grant of $ 100,839.00 in response to an appeal by the United Nations' Children Emergency Fund for the relief and rehabilitation of children and families in the cyclone affected areas.

The Soviet Union has made further offer of relief articles including tents, blankets, utensils and condenced' milk. A Japanese plane carrying relief goods reached Dacca yesterday.

Italy has also sent more relief goods both by sea and air.

NAWABZADA .....

NAWABZADA SHER ALI RESIGNS

ISLAMABAD, December 15. - The President has accepted the resignation of Nawabzada Sher Ali Khan, Minister for Information and National Affairs.

INDIAN ATTACK ON BATRIGACH MOST SERIOUS SINCE 1965

ISLAMABAD, December 15. - A Foreign Office spokesman said in Islamabad today that the Pakistan Government could not remain unconcerned over the Indian attack on the Pakistani enclave of Batrigach and described the attack as a most serious act of aggression by India against Pakistan territory since 1965.

In a statement, the spokesman said that Indian Government has not so far agreed to give transit facilities to Pakistani officials to visit the affected areas nor the Indian Government had allowed the despatch of relief and medical supplies to Batrigach.

The spokesman said at the meeting of the Sector Commanders of the Border Security Force on the 9th of this month, the Indian Commander substantially admitted the incident in Batrigach. The two sector commanders agreed that the Deputy Commissioners of Rangpur and Cooch-Bihar should meet immediately to discuss the situation arising out of the incident.

So far the Indian authorities have not communicated when the Deputy Commissioners would meet. The Indian Government's attitude in hesitating to allow Pakistan officials to visit the enclave, the spokesman said, clearly indicates that it does not wish our nationals to see the extensive loss of life and property caused by the Indian attack on Batrigach.

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